



BASE Play RBI - Program Policies

GLOVES

BASE Play RBI is a program of El Paso Border Youth Athletic Association. It is offered to students in participating schools at no cost. Players are encouraged to remain in the BASE Play RBI program as long as it is offered in their grade level. Each newly registered player will receive a glove, team shirt and pants upon registration.

The program emphasizes the importance of student responsibility and commitment, the glove symbolizes this emphasis. Players must care for their glove, come to practice and games with their glove, and, when they outgrow their glove, turn it back into the program in order to receive a larger glove. The following considerations also apply:

1. A player must finish an entire season of BASE Play RBI in order to earn the right to keep their glove.
 - If a player quits before a season is complete, they must return the glove to their coach.
 - If the player does not return their glove to their coach, their family will be contacted by the BASE Play RBI student advocate to request the glove be returned to the program.
2. Only one glove is issued per player. After completing a full season of BASE Play RBI, returning players have the option of trading in their glove for a larger size if they have outgrown it, however, returning players will not be issued additional gloves when re-registering for the program.
3. EPBYAA is a non-profit organization and all funds to support EPBYAA and BASE Play RBI are raised through donations. If a student's family would like to help support the program, we welcome donations of gloves for their own players or other players as appropriate.

TEAM EQUIPMENT

Each coach will receive a complete set of team equipment. The team bag has been inventoried prior to delivery. All coaches must sign off on receipt of their team bag and its contents. A separate sign-off is required for catcher's gloves and equipment. These two forms will be filed for the season.

At the end of a BASE Play RBI season coaches must turn in their team bag. The contents will be inventoried and compared to the original inventory sheet. Any missing or intentionally damaged equipment will be the financial responsibility of the coach.

Final stipend checks will not be released until the team bag is turned in, inventoried and accepted.

GAME RULES

BASE Play RBI is an instructional baseball / softball program. The purpose is to teach academic accountability to students while introducing them to the basics of baseball and softball team play. To that end, BASE Play RBI has both an academic component and an athletic component. The academic component is coordinated in partnership with Clint ISD and school administration. There is a "no homework, no practice" rule enforce during all seasons of BASE Play RBI. Coaches receive a Homework Watchlist at the start of each season and at regular intervals during a season of play. The Homework Watchlist is comprised of the names of players who are failing 1 or more classes. Any players who appear on the list are required to have completed their homework before being released to practice.

BASE Play RBI follows Little League rules for baseball and ASA rules for softball. Depending on the skill level of players or other issues that may arise, the BASE Play RBI game rules MAY be modified. Any modifications will be discussed with umpires and coaches of both teams immediately prior to the start of a season and/or game.



Disrespectful behavior by players, coaches or parents will not be tolerated. In the event a coach has a question regarding a call made during play, the coach should retire to the outfield, out of earshot of players and parents, to quietly discuss the issue at hand with the game official. If the dispute is between two coaches, both coaches and at least one game official may retire to the outfield, out of earshot of parents and players, to calmly and respectfully discuss the call in question. If both coaches and officials are unable to resolve the dispute, a BASE Play RBI coordinator must be summoned to the field to make a final decision.

COACH STIPENDS

Coaches are required to dedicate 6 to 8 hours per week to the BASE Play RBI program. These hours will be in the form of two practices per week on school grounds from approximately 3pm to 5pm for elementary students and 4pm to 6pm for middle school students, followed by Saturday games.

Coaches are required to meet their players in the school cafeteria before the scheduled practice times, to go over the Homework Watchlist with identified students, and to escort their players to the appropriate area for practice. This process must be followed at all times, no unaccompanied children are allowed on school grounds at any time.

Coaches are also required to take attendance, to assist with gathering height and weight information at the beginning and end of each season, to report behavioral problems as they arise at practices or games, and to ensure player safety at all times.

For their duties under the BASE Play RBI program, coaches receive a stipend of \$250 per month. The stipend is based on a contract arrangement and is seasonal and temporary in nature. Though based on estimate of hours required by the program, the stipend is not calculated on an hourly or weekly basis. The stipend dates will be based on the first day of practice for a team and will be issued at one month intervals after this date. EXAMPLE: A coach who has a practice start date of September 15th, will receive stipends on October 15th, November 15th and December 15th.

No deduction is made for practices cancelled due to weather, school holidays or other Clint ISD programming. Each coach is allowed one absence during a season of play without affecting their stipend. Absences must be coordinated at least 24 hours in advance in order to find a replacement to conduct the practice in question. If a coach is absent more than once, their monthly stipend will be adjusted accordingly.

* Final stipends will be issued upon completion of a season of play and submission of all necessary data, attendance sheets, team equipment, etc. No stipends will be delivered prior to finalizing all of these elements.